

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Beauchamp et al., (U.S. Patent 6,434,441, hereinafter "Beauchamp"). Claims 3-5, and 7-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 11-20 were allowed. By the present Response, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 7. Claim 7 is canceled. New claims 21 and 22 are added to rewrite the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 3-5 and dependent claim 8 into independent form. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-6, 8-22 will be pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Beauchamp. However, the Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claim 7, for example, was allowable. Similar language to that found in claim 7 has been added to the independent claim 1 by this Response. Claim 7 has been canceled. Claims 2 and 6 depend from the amended independent claim 1. Independent claim 1 and claims depending therefrom are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

New Claims

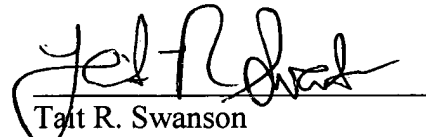
Two new claims have been added by this response. Claim 21 incorporates features originally recited in claims 1, 3, 4, and 5. Claim 22 incorporates features originally recited in claims 1 and 8. No new matter has been added. Again, dependent claims 3-5 and 8 were previously indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 21-22 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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